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EXAMINER LA FORGIA,

FOLLOWING UP ON OUR RECENT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION REGARDING THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FILE, ATTACHED ARE PROPOSED CLAIM AMENDMENTS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH YOU IN AN INTERVIEW. WE WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE THE INTERVIEW FOR NEXT THURSDAY APRIL 13 OR FRIDAY APRIL 14 AT 2:00 PM EASTERN TIME (11:00 AM PACIFIC).

WE WILL FOLLOW THIS FAX WITH A PHONE CALL LATER TODAY OR EARLY TOMORROW TO SEE IF WE CAN SCHEDULE AN INTERVIEW. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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TO: Examiner La Forgia ; USPTO Art Unit 2131

FROM: Phillip Bennett and John Carson at Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP  
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RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/883,625 - Attorney Docket No. CARDIFF.047A  
Proposed Amendments for Discussion in Interview

DATE: April 6, 2006

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The above-identified application currently stands finally rejected based on an Office Action mailed March 14, 2006. As stated in Applicant's telephone call with Examiner LaForgia on Tuesday, Applicant respectfully requests a telephonic interview to discuss the following proposed claim amendments.

We would like to speak with you next week (on Thurs. or Fri.) if possible, so we will call you tomorrow to hopefully set something up.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of verifying a transaction conducted between a first party and a second party, the method comprising:

- receiving transaction elements of the transaction;
- identifying a portion of the received transaction elements as selected elements;
- encrypting the selected elements based on a private key of the first party to generate an encrypted code;
- printing at least a portion of the received transaction elements on a hard copy transaction certificate;
- printing the encrypted code on the hard copy transaction certificate;
- sending the transaction certificate with the encrypted code to the second party;
- and

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